

AKtion2: Aboriginal Kidney Care Together – Improving Outcomes Now

Privileging Aboriginal ways of knowing, being and doing; Combining Indigenous and Western concepts & approaches for responsive co-design & collective decision making

Sub study 1:

Indigenous Governance

1. Reference Team (ART) members' experiences
2. Health professionals perspectives of ART – in Australia & Canada
3. Reference group establishment & support needs
4. Working effectively at the interface

Methods

- Yarning, Ganma, Dadirri, interviews & focus groups with community members & health professionals
- Scoping Review
- Critical Reflection journals
- Ganma knowledge sharing with ART & researchers in workshops

Outcomes

- Identification of the decolonisation processes required to establish and support Indigenous reference groups
- A "How to Guide" for establishing and sustaining Indigenous Governance in projects and renal care

Sub study 2:

Kidney Journey Mapping

1. Map individual kidney journeys, needs & gaps
2. Identify coordination & communication gaps -health professionals
3. Improve coordination and communication within & between sites
4. Review findings, prioritise action

Methods

- Interviews, my kidney my journey mapping tools, photo voice & artwork
- Mapping journeys against standards & guidelines. Calculate personal & \$\$ costs
- Co-creation of kidney journey quality improvement tools
- Key stakeholder workshops

Outcomes

- Kidney Specific mapping tools for patients, health professionals & services to use in day-to-day clinical practice CQI, and evaluation
- Clearer identification of gaps in care, & co-design of responsive strategies for improvement in coordination and care outcomes

Sub study 3:

Support for Kidney Patients

1. Identify patient & family unmet support needs
2. Identify what works in patient support & navigator programs
3. Investigate the feasibility of peer navigators
4. Peer support & information sharing

Methods

- Review journeys, workshop with ART, identify unmet needs
- Focus groups with patient support/navigator programs
- Co-create & evaluate a pilot peer navigator project. Adapt mapping tools for use.
- Peer support & information workshops

Outcomes

- Better understanding of the key elements of an effective peer navigator program
- Increased workforce capacity & improved models of care
- Increased support and recognition of the role of patient experts by experience

Sub study 4:

Cultural safety in kidney care

1. Identify cultural safety training needs of staff
2. Review cultural safety education approaches in health care & universities
3. Co-create, trial & evaluate a kidney health cultural safety education package
4. Refine package through feedback from participants

Methods

- Survey kidney care staff - skills, knowledge & training
- Scoping review
- Review findings, refine & workshop package, participant evaluation, post training survey.
- End user workshops

Outcomes

- Targeted cultural safety education for use within renal care
- Updated cultural safety resources for use in tertiary education
- Increased cultural safety in practice